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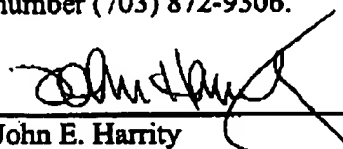
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Sir:

Initially, Applicants wish to thank Supervisory Primary Examiner Popovici and Primary Examiner Mizrahi for the courtesy extended in the interview on January 20, 2004.

During the interview, claims 1-3 were discussed. Applicants' representative pointed out that the combination of Conklin et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,363,378) and

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Chakrabarti et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,356,899) does not disclose or suggest features in claims 1-3.

As indicated on the Interview Summary provided by Examiner Mizrahi, Examiner Mizrahi agreed to issue a new non-final Office Action. No agreement was reached with respect to the patentability of claims 1-23.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-1070 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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